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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.27, Applicants in the above-identified application hereby assert their status as a small entity for purposes of paying fees.

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